

OWOSSO COMMANDERY  
INSPECTED THURSDAY

Grand Commander Chas. H. Patterson, of Jackson, inspected Owosso Commandery No. 49 last Thursday evening when the Order of the Temple was conferred and a banquet enjoyed.

## Want War Cannon for Owosso

Capt. M. J. Phillips and Lieut. S. Q. Pulver recently called upon Congressman Fordney and made request, on behalf of the city, for two captured German cannon for the park in front of the army in this city. Mr. Fordney remarked that "That town of Owosso ought to have anything under God's heavens it wants and I will do my best to get those cannon for it."

## E. F. CONANT, CITY CLERK

Following the resignation last week of Herbert Hawcroft as city clerk on account of ill health, the City Commission has been fortunate in securing the service of former clerk Edwin F. Conant, who was appointed Monday night. He will be paid a salary of \$16.50. Mr. Conant is well qualified for the position and will be a help to the city officials in handling the many details that constitute the city's business. There were nine applicants for the position.

## Get Together Club

The Get Together club of Rush Center was entertained at the pleasant home of Mrs. John Dellamater, Thursday, Dec. 5, for an all day meeting. At the usual dinner hour a bountiful pot-luck dinner was served by the hosts, assisted by Mrs. George Champlin and Mrs. Willis Dellamater. We then had our business meeting and listened to a short reading by Mrs. S. M. Hook. The rest of the day was spent tying quilts and a jolly time was had by all.

## Royal Arch Mason Officers

Owosso Chapter No. 89, R. A. M. Friday night elected the following officers:

High Priest—Fred G. Tyler.  
King—Roy G. Spiess.  
Scribe—Edwin F. Conant.  
Treasurer—A. D. Whipple.  
Secretary—Glenn E. Perkins.  
Captain of Host—Chas. Morden.  
Principal Sojourner—Frank H. Williams.

Royal Arch Captain—William S. Warden.  
Master Third Veil—W. Edward Zimmerman.  
Master Second Veil—George U. Wright.  
Master First Veil—Ashley Horn.  
Sentinel—Silas M. Campbell.  
Member Temple Association, four years—A. D. Whipple.

## L. A. to B. of R. T. Election

L. A. to B. of R. T. No. 570 elected the following officers at their last regular meeting:

Counsellor—C. S. Farr.  
President—Minnie Turner.  
Vice President—Minna Staff.  
Secretary—Frances E. Kimble.  
Treasurer—Myra L. Tanner.  
Conductress—Edna Bartrem.  
Chaplain—Etta Barnes.  
Warden—Hattie Oberlin.  
Inner Guard—Avis Russell.  
Outer Guard—Ruth Zeiter.

## Star of Hope Rebekah Officers

The election of officers for the Star of Hope Rebekah lodge No. 76 was held Friday evening and the following were chosen:

Noble Grand—Ilda Collins.  
Vice Grand—Barbara Menhardt.  
Rec. Sec.—Hazel Leitch.  
Fin. Sec.—Mary Leitch.  
Treas.—Bertha Randall.  
Capt. of Degree—Ward Carl.  
Trustee for one year—Emogene Sackner.

## Arbeiter Ladies' Officers

Ten Arbeiter Ladies elected officers Friday as follows:

President—Mary Goeckel.  
Vice President—Friderike Frederik.  
Secretary—Emma Meier.  
Treasurer—Mary Schultz.  
Financial Secretary—Erenstina Giffel.

Trustees—Louise Hein, Louise Bartels.  
Sick Committee—Mary Fischer, Augusta Thiede, Minna Broker.  
Physician—Dr. Ward.

Miss Sophia Burke, aged 63 years, and for 44 years an inmate of the county farm, died Tuesday. She has no known relatives.

Garg. Albert Goetzen stationed at Camp Meade, visited his mother in this city, this week.

Sergeant Justin Shattuck has been honorably discharged and is at home from Camp Meade where he has been acting as mechanical instructor.

William Muzzy has been appointed captain at the West Side fire station to succeed John Debean, resigned.

## Draft Board Enrolls Nearly 1000 Men

A total of 6,987 men registered in Shiawassee county for military service from June 5, 1917, to September 12, 1918. This is shown by the report made by the local draft board to the state draft headquarters, in closing up its work. The first registration saw 2640 men between the ages of 21 and 31 enrolled. Two hundred and seventy-five more men registered in June and August, 1918. On September 12, 1632 men of the ages of 19 to 36 registered while 254 18-year-olds and 2,192 men between the ages of 37 and 45 enrolled. About 1,200 men have entered the service.

The board has a complete record of every one of the men that registered. It has on file the questionnaires of all of the registrants, a report on the physical examinations of all of those who took them, a record of when and where men were inducted into the service, and why any men at camp were rejected. In the questionnaires is information that will be of great value in the future, as anyone who has filled one out realizes.

## Saginaw Club Meets

The 18th anniversary of the Saginaw Club was celebrated at the home of Mrs. A. H. Northway, Dec. 4.

At 12 o'clock a sumptuous dinner was served by Mrs. Vera Sackrider and Mrs. Ann Northway.

Mrs. F. M. Crowe, in behalf of the club, presented the hosts with a handsome silver fork which has been the custom since the club started. The afternoon was spent in playing progressive euchre. Mrs. Addie Bigelow carrying away first prize, a box of beautiful stationery; Mrs. P. S. Wilson, second, a cut glass marmalade dish, and Mrs. C. E. Van Sickle, third prize, hand painted individual salt and pepper shakers.

At 6 o'clock a luncheon was served and as each member departed for home she was given a beautiful chrysanthemum which had been presented the club by Mrs. J. C. Mullany in memory of her mother, Mrs. J. M. Terbush. The club will meet next year with Mrs. C. E. Van Sickle at St. Johns.

The directors of the Carland Co. operative Elevator Co. have complied with the orders of the court in the case brought by members of the company some time ago, and have called an election of officers for December 16. The court held that the present officers and directors were illegally elected, in that they were chosen before the company incorporated. The meeting will be held at Carland.

## Higher Fares in Effect.

The increased fare on the Owosso and Corunna street car line are in effect. A single fare between the cities is 10 cents, a round trip fare 15 cents or two persons may ride one way on the round trip ticket, which would make a 7 1/2 cent fare. Fares within the city limits are 5 cents.

## Knights of Pythias Officers.

Owosso Lodge No. 81, K. of P. elected the following officers Monday evening:

Chancellor Commander—Van R. Pond.  
Vice Commander—Rolla D. Chase.  
Master of Finance and Keeper of Records and Seal—Rolla L. Chase.  
Master of Work—B. L. Axford.  
Master at Arms—J. F. Britten.  
Chaplain—E. F. Hayward.  
Inner Guard—J. F. Zimmerman.  
Outer Guard—Albert Norris.  
Representative to Grand Lodge—Geo. M. Dewey.  
Alternate—J. H. Robbins.

The Executive Committee of the Shiawassee Chapter has been very busy of late planning the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call, and is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Arch Burnett, of Corunna, as county chairman, Mr. L. L. Conn, of Owosso, as city chairman and Mr. C. E. Rigley Jr., of Owosso, as publicity manager. The excellent ability of these men will surely make this a success and the executive committee feels very much pleased to have this work in such good hands. These three chairmen are busy making plans for a house-to-house canvass of the entire county and their appointments will be announced a little later. This drive will be from Dec. 16th to 23rd. The plan is to have every person in America a member of the Red Cross. The campaign is not for money so much as it is to broaden the membership, and by doing so to demonstrate to the world the sympathy and unselfish spirit of America. The membership fee is only one dollar.

Yours for the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call.

Paul V. Gadola, Harry Schnitz and Wayne Taylor have been honorably discharged from the army and arrived home last night from Camp Custer.

Paul Cline, formerly of Corunna, will succeed Charles Gladden in the State Savings bank after January 1. Mr. Gladden will devote his time to the Auto Sales Co.

## DEATH OF HARRY R. TOOLEY

The sudden death of Harry R. Tooley Monday morning at the Union Mattress Co. office was a shock to the entire community and seemed almost unbelievable as the news passed quickly from person to person about the city. He went to the factory at the usual hour, walked through, turning on the water faucet for one of the girl employees and stepped to the door to get his mail when he was stricken with heart failure, falling unconscious in a pile of excelsior and expiring before medical aid could reach him. He complained of not feeling well before leaving home, but none had supposed but that he was in the most excellent health his appearance would indicate.

Harry R. Tooley was born in Detroit March 9, 1870, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hosmer Tooley and came with his parents to Owosso while he was five years old and had made his home continuously in Owosso. He attended Valparaiso University and spent two winters in Florida. He was associated with his father in the Union Mattress Co. and on the death of his father continued the business. He was highly respected by every one who knew him, of a kindly and generous disposition, quiet and unassuming, an exceedingly well read man with well founded opinions politically and on all public matters. He was a popular member of the Elks and Knights of Pythias lodges and for many years active in the Pythian organization. Surviving Mr. Tooley are his widow and distant relatives. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at the home, Rev. B. G. Mattson officiating. The Elks lodge having charge of the services at the grave. Floral tributes from friends were numerous and exceedingly beautiful.

## Charles B. Scully Appointed Chairman of the Speaker's Bureau for the Red Cross.

Charles B. Scully has been appointed by J. Lee Barrett, Director of Publicity of the Michigan State Board, as Chairman of the Speaker's Bureau for the following counties: Genesee, Lapeer, Oakland, Clinton, Ingham, Livingston and Shiawassee.

Mr. Scully's duties will be to furnish speakers for the various meetings of the Christmas Roll Call Membership Drive, and in addition to local speakers a number of returned American soldiers will be supplied from the Red Cross Headquarters at Washington.

## Washington Letter.

Washington, Dec. 10.—(Special correspondence)—The Democrats of the Senate appear to have a notion that because of the close margin by which, on the fact of the returns, the Republicans will control that body it is very much to their interest to stir up fractional differences in their party opponents. By so doing they think there is a chance for continuing themselves in power; at any rate they know they have nothing to lose and everything to gain. The Republican Senators with progressive leanings are having it impressed upon them by Democrats that if the seniority method of selecting chairmen is to rule when the Senate is reorganized in the next Congress many of the best committees will fall under the control of what they still choose to call "stand-patters."

But the danger of friction among the Republican Senators is more fancied than real. A glance at the minority memberships of committees as they are now constituted shows that there can be no serious differences not easily solved. Some of the more important committees will fall by seniority to former progressive Senators. Other prominent chairmanships will go by the same rule to Senators who have never allied themselves with the progressive cause. Some Republicans of both sides will find that they are in line for the chairmanship of two or more committees. In such cases it will be easy to make an adjustment satisfactory to all concerned.

It is well that the question of committee control has been raised at this early day, as it gives ample opportunity for Republicans of every shade of political faith to get together. It is predicted that long before March 4th conferences will have been held and chairmanships allotted in a way that will cement together, even more firmly than before, the Republican Senators for the great work of reconstruction that is before them. It is inconceivable that the insidious attempt of the Democrats to arouse ancient animosities in the Republican ranks will meet with any better success than the efforts of the Germans to create dissensions among the allies.

Like other Republican Senators and Representatives Congressman Henry Z. Osborne, of California, is making a study of reconstruction problems to prepare himself for intelligent action on such matters when they come before Congress for decision. Mr. Osborne has convinced himself that the most important feature of our post-war needs will be to find employment for the returning soldiers. "We cannot allow any of our brave Army or Navy to suffer for lack of employment," says he, "neither can we permit those who are at present employed to be thrown out of work."

While a great many men will return to their old positions, many thousands will be unable to find work at once, and it is for those that provision must be made by the Government.

Recognizing the necessity for improved and extended transportation systems to take care of our increased commerce Mr. Osborne suggests that the Government may well enter upon the construction of an extensive system of good roads throughout the country. In the Congressman's opinion the work should be confined to trunk lines and roads leading to the principal harbors, leaving to the States and local communities the duty of building lateral lines. In conjunction with road improvement Representative Osborne believes that rivers and harbors should be extensively improved and canals constructed.

## THE CURSE OF ONE-MAN POWER

The Republican Publicity Association, through its President, Hon. Jonathan Bourne, Jr., today gave out the following statement from its Washington Headquarters:

"The most deplorable feature of the effort to increase paternalism is the lasting effect it has upon the individual mind. Day after day the bureaucrats at Washington say to the people of the country, 'You can't do it, leave it to us.' Bureaucracy not only tends to destroy self-confidence but it discourages self-help. 'Don't try to do anything for yourself; just pay increased taxes to make up our salaries and expenses and we will do everything for you. You are poor, helpless, ignorant, ambitious and perhaps dishonest beings without hope of making a success of anything. Give up in despair and let us tell you what to eat, what to drink, what to wear, what to buy and what to sell, what price to pay and what price to receive, how to do business and how not to do it.'"

"Those are not the exact words of bureaucracy, but, boiled down, that is the necessary meaning of everything the socialistic government-ownership, paternalistic bunch have been handing out from Washington for the past five years—with particular energy during the past two years."

"If the people of this country become confirmed pessimists it will be due largely to President Wilson. He has assumed that only a government

official can run the railroads, the banks, and the finances of the government. He acts upon the assumption that only a postmaster general can run the telephones, telegraphs, cables, and the postoffice department. Mr. Wilson endeavors to do the political thinking for the country in either peace or war. He is, in his own opinion, the only man who never thinks wrong, and when he changes his mind it is time for the entire country to change. Men who do not agree with him are 'nervous and excited.' Political parties that do not agree with him 'have not had a new idea in thirty years.'"

"If we were to accept bureaucracy's picture of this country, what a doleful song we should sing. What dejected countenances we should carry to our daily tasks if we really believed the assumption that the success of private industry and public business depends upon the wisdom concentrated in so small a group of men. To what a low stage in civilization must we concede we have fallen, if we acquiesce in bureaucracy's view of our intellectual and moral decadence."

"But there is no need to be despondent. An optimistic spirit has prevailed in this country since the days when the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. Without that optimism a small band of colonists would not have thrown off the yoke of autocracy in 1776. Without that spirit of optimism we should not have gridironed this continent with rails of steel. Without that optimism we should not have taken the risks involved in sinking oil wells and mining shafts, felling forests and conquering a wilderness. Without that optimism we should not have stretched wires over the land and cables under the sea. Without that optimism we should not have established here a government of the people, for the people, by the people."

"And it is not optimism alone that has made this nation great. Back of that spirit of hope and confidence there has been intelligence, energy and courage—a capacity to do, an eagerness to do, and a daring to do. And in the whole, long, proud list of accomplishments of the people of this country, there is not one for which bureaucracy can claim credit. What a sorry spectacle bureaucracy makes of itself, then, when it tells the people of this country that they are incompetent or dishonest and must be guided in all their activities by men who never made a success of any productive enterprise. And what a sorry spectacle the people of this country will make of themselves if they stand for the insult."

The election has come and gone and the state of the public mind is clearly reflected in the returns.

Hobby was elected Governor of Texas by the smallest vote cast for a Democratic nominee in twenty years. A great similarity in the size of the vote and the size of the candidate.

But I want to mention some important matters.

President Wilson in a pre-election statement said that the election of a Republican Congress would mean that his administration had been repudiated and that the people ought to repudiate the disloyalty of the Republican party.

Mr. Wilson made the issue and the Democratic party was overwhelmingly defeated in the doubtful states. Approximately fifty Democratic congressmen and senators lost their seats in Congress.

Well may we ask the reason why. As Democrats we should be deeply concerned over this unexpected defeat and efforts should be made at once to prevent a repetition of another political disaster.

In the first place some little men in high station helped the trouble that brought defeat to our party.

The fact that Mr. Wilson continued to permit himself to be advised by two men like Burleson and House could as soon as the fact was well known have no other effect than to awaken distrust and apprehension in the minds of Democrats as well as Republicans of Mr. Wilson's fitness for leadership as well as doubt of his judgment and real discretion.

This is not said in any spirit of spite, but in the interest of truth that some times must be told to avoid future mistakes.

## The Silent Man

Notwithstanding a thousand lies to the contrary, Mr. House was never openly identified with one single movement for reform before he left Texas. The statement often repeated that Col. House, as he is sometimes jokingly named, ever elected a governor of Texas is just a plain political lie and every well informed Texan knows it. That he never had the courage of his convictions or the capacity for original thought is clearly proven by the fact that no man can now point to one public or private utterance that he made showing him to be possessed of even a general knowledge of statesmanship. There is lacking in his whole career one single attribute or qualification or experience

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